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FIRST SESSION.

Senate.
WASHINGTON, June 10, 1844.
ANNEXATION.

Mr. BENTON rose in his place at the opening of the session this morning and commenced some remarks about annexation, in so low a voice that he could only catch here and there a few—travellous—house—mystified—authorized to acquire

foreign territory—watered by the Mississippi—the President should have the approbation of the House—Treaty with Spain.

[NOTES.—Berrien, Morehead, Evans, and others, are talking so loud that I can't hear.]

I propose that negotiations shall be opened both with Mexico and Texas. If the consent of Mexico shall be sought for in a proper spirit, I doubt not it will be obtained. *I assume that the consent of*

Mexico is necessary. Mexico can fix her own price in granting sovereignty to Texas. We are in a state of amity and comity with Mexico. The rights of Mexico must be respected.

[NOTE—J. Q. Adams, and many other M. C. are in the Senate listening.]

Our trade with Mexico is valuable. **We exchange** our goods with Mexico for solid bullion.—

In 1835 our trade with Mexico amounted to some \$8,000,000. The war broke out with Texas and trade fell off with Mexico to a million and a half. I, sir, who am the oldest supporter of the annexation of Texas—I, sir, the only consistent supporter—I, sir, the most able defender of the rights of these countries—I, sir, am in favor of the annexation of Texas. Yet I would not make the consent of Mexico an absolute condition. I would

Mr. BENTON commented with very strong emphasis upon the part enacted by the executive in rushing in with a firebrand between two countries at peace, under the sanction of an armistice, to disturb their harmony. It is an act of barbarism unknown even to the heathen.

This President Tyler has done. Texas and Mexico are not formed for union. Texas is geographically a part of the valley of the Mississippi. Here Mr. B. went on to show the causes which have alienated Texas forever from Mexico, alluding in this connexion to the horrors of the battle of San Jacinto.

He spoke of the messenger who was sent to

Mexico—as sent not to gain Mexico's consent, but to ask Mexico not to get angry at the Treaty. He now proposes to rub out—as it has rubbed out—all and begin again.

Here Mr. B. laid down what he called the basis of a proper Treaty

1. As to the boundary. The same as indicated in the resolution of 1806. A natural boundary. The Rio Grande, &c.

2 The next basis is, that the State of Texas shall be admitted into this Union by virtue of this act. I make of Texas about enough for four States, 200,000 square miles. Let one be admitted at once.

Let the remainder of that country be admitted as a Territory—one half slaveholding, the other free—divided by a line equally. I quarrel with no man who wishes to see slavery abolished.—In my position, I am about as far removed from those who would run a muck in favor of slavery, as I am from those who would run a muck against it. He snarled the idea that Texas

must be annexed "now or never." It is not now or never, but it is now and then and always. Mr. B. said he was opposed to annexation by treaty. Houston had not the right to cede away Texas. Let the people of Texas do it by legislative act. Then it will have adequate authority. Mr. B. said he was not in the position of the new annexation converts—the new Texan Neophytes (sneeringly). I, sir, am an old man. Here Mr. B. alluded to this question of annexation as an agent in the Presidential election.

tion. He said that he was opposed to it from the outset. He said so when he came here last fall: It would mar the question. [Note.—I wish I were a stenographer, and I would record Mr. Benton's egotism; for it really goes beyond any thing I ever heard or read in prose, poetry or romance.] I have written on the subject every thing worth knowing—and years ago. Let the neophytes go to school to me. Those have been attempting to run me down as an enemy to annexation who never heard of Texas.

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1. The Boundary of the annexed Territory to be in the delimitation west of the Nueces and along the highlands and mountainous heights which divide the waters of the Mississippi from the waters of the Rio del Norte, and to latitude 42 degrees north.

3. A State to be called the "State of Texas," with boundaries to be fixed by herself, and as extent not exceeding that of the largest State in the Union, be admitted into the Union by virtue of this act, on an equal footing with the original States.

5 The existence of slavery to be forever prohibited in the northern and north western part of said territory, so as to divide, as equally as may be, the whole of the annexed country between slave-holding and non-slave-holding States.

6 The assent of Mexico to be obtained by treaty to such annexation and boundary or to be dispensed with when the Congress of the United States may deem such assent to be unnecessary.

7. Other details of the annexation to be adjusted by treaty, so far as the same may come within the scope of the treaty making power.

DEATH.

Dr. STURGEON here announced the death of Mr. Read of the House. He moved that the Senate wear *craps on its arm* for the usual time, and adjourn. Carried.

↑ TO ASK O'CLOCK.—Mr. BENTON has just finished one of the most extraordinary speeches ever uttered by mortal man.

LATER—I have had some conversation with the democratic Senators, and you may be sure that none of the 16 will vote for Benton's bill. It will in fact probably never be voted on at all; and Mr. Benton undoubtedly so expected when he introduced it, for it will be referred to the committee, who will either let it die or report against it. Benton

ton's only object in introducing the bill was to put him self *seclus in curia* upon the Texas question—crawl out his present dilemma as an opponent of annexation—and humbling the people. As to his speech which he made every body says that they never heard the like of it from any other lips. Some of his own friends say it stinks of egotism and filth. He tried to show that he is the greatest I am, and every body else are neophytes.

WASHINGTON, June 10, 1844.

No business of importance was transacted in the House to-day. At an early hour Mr. Bidlack announced the death of his colleague, the Hon. A. H. Read, one of the representatives from the State of Pennsylvania. After a neat and appropriate eulogy on the character and services of the deceased, Mr. Bidlack concluded by offering the usual testimony.

Sales of Stocks at Philadelphia.
First Board, Tuesday, June 11—100 shs Wilmington RR \$5 25; 350 do do 25; 50 do Susquehanna Canal \$5 9 5/8; 500 City \$5, 1846, cash 109; \$10,000 Tennessee 5's, 56; 50 shares Girard Bank 111; 200 do do cash 11; 600 do do

11; 50 do do bnf 11; 50 do do bds 11; \$1000 Tennessee S's,
1st Jan. 85; \$200 State S's 77; 70 shares Com. Bk Natchez
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SECOND BOARD, June 11—375 shares Wilm R B s & s 26;
150 do do b s 26; 100 do do r w 23; 309 do do 25; 100 do
do 25; \$10,000 State S's b s 77; 70 shares do b s f 77;
\$5000 do s d s f 77; \$2 00 do 70; \$200 Annual
1846, 50; 100 shares U. S. Bk, 9; 30 do 9; 25 do Navigation,
tion, 40; 175 do Girard Bank, b s, 11; 04 do do 11;

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 table. Wyckoff's Saloon is precisely the place for such
 business to transpire. Fine, large and forms a room
 with astonishing velocity - he can get and get it in a
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 a thing for a sufficient meal? - absolutely nothing! Go on -
 go all to Wyckoff's. In fine he would see useful to state, that
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REMOVAL.
J. B. STOUVENEL, Importer and Dealer in Wines and
spirits, wholesale and retail, informs his friends and
the public, that he has removed his establishment from 21 Ann st.,
124 John street. He invites lovers of Good Wines to visit his
shop, where they will always find a constant supply of Bor-
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good Wines, realising to Absentee, Kirch, Cassier, &c.

of the fashions and Switzerland. All crêpe delivered free of charge to houses, by the gallon or dozen bottles.

Mr. J. B. S. will attend to bottling wine for any one who may desire his services

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